

ABSTRACT

5 A multi-layered sports playing field including
a top layer made of substantially artificial
material simulating a natural playing surface such
as grass and a padding layer positioned between the
top layer and the base or dirt layer. The padding
layer is made of a plurality of discrete beads of
substantially elastic, resilient material (e.g.,
foam) with portions of adjacent beads abutting one
another and other portions being spaced from each
10 other. Substantially all of the adjacent beads are
preferably integrally joined (e.g., glued, fused)
together at their abutting portions. The padding
layer is very porous and breathable and preferably
includes feet members supporting the main body of
15 the padding layer above the base or dirt layer to
create a water channel of interconnected portions to
enhance water drainage to the sides of the field.